



## Center for Educational Performance and Information

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#### **Michigan Districts “Beating the Odds”**

In September CEPI announced the release of new data and analyses by Standard & Poor's School Evaluation Services (SES). CEPI provides the data to SES. With the addition of 2000-2001 school year data, SES was able to publish five-year trend analyses, including a finding that 29 school districts are “beating the odds.” This means that despite high poverty levels, districts are participating and performing at above-state-average levels on the MEAP. For more information about the new analyses and new features added to the SES Web site, visit [www.michigan.gov/cepi](http://www.michigan.gov/cepi).

#### **Need Assistance with *No Child Left Behind* and *Education Yes!*?**

New requirements based on *No Child Left Behind* and the Michigan Department of Education's accreditation plan, *Education Yes!*, already are hitting districts. Did you know that CEPI can help? With the Michigan Education Information System (MEIS), the state's educational data warehouse, CEPI will become the single source for key educational data. CEPI plans to use the data in the MEIS to eliminate duplicate reporting for districts trying to comply with the requirements of *No Child Left Behind* and Michigan Department of Education's *Education Yes!*

#### **[www.michigan.gov/cepi](http://www.michigan.gov/cepi) Works for You!**

The CEPI Web site has been redesigned to better meet our customers' needs. Categories have been reorganized and more resources have been added to the site. Due to pending decisions by the federal government and the Michigan Department of Education regarding *No Child Left Behind* and *Education Yes!*, we encourage districts to visit our site frequently for all the latest information regarding data submissions to CEPI. We will post information as it becomes available to us.

#### **District Data Submissions at All-Time High**

Recent analysis by CEPI shows that districts are participating in data submissions in overwhelming numbers. Districts were required to submit data to CEPI regarding students, educators and safety practices for an End-of-Year submission this past June. The numbers show that an average of 97 percent of all districts submitted SRSD data for the Spring 2002 and End-of-Year 2002 submissions. One hundred percent of ISDs submitted data about educators to the REP. Participation in SID data submissions jumped from 51 percent to 87 percent. Many thanks to all districts for their hard work! A listing of those ISDs, local districts and public school academies that submitted data to all three data sets can be found at [www.michigan.gov/cepi](http://www.michigan.gov/cepi).

#### **Redesigned Repository for School Contact Information to be Released**

CEPI plans to release this fall the newly redesigned School Code Master repository. The School Code Master contains the official contact information for a school district or facility. Some of the information maintained in the School Code Master includes school code numbers, administrator names, building addresses, phone numbers and Web site information. New features to the School Code Master include the ability to download printer-friendly documents and a “power search” to customize a search for a facility. The data collected in the School Code Master are critical to all other data submissions to CEPI. If information in the School Code Master is inaccurate or incomplete, a district could have trouble submitting data to CEPI. All districts should verify that the information about a building or district is correct when the new School Code Master becomes available later this fall.

#### ***Coming Up...***

**October 1**

REP collection begins

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